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a report describing the locations of three antiaircraft battery emplacements and of two groups of antiaircraft barracks in Pilsen. The battery emplacements are in Pilsen-Litice, Pilsen-Radcice, and Pilsen-Bory. One barracks, the Na Slovanech Barracks, is on the Nepomucka trida, while the other barracks is in Vochov, northwest of Pilsen.

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Subject: Antiaircraft units at Plzen

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Position of Antiaircraft Artillery Batteries

There are three main AA battery emplacements at Plzen: one at Plzen-Litice, one at Plzen-Radcice, and the third, whose exact location is unknown, at Plzen-Bory.

1. Plzen-Litice Emplacement

Located just southeast of the Plzen-Litice road. Its exact position is that indicated [redacted]. Observation of the Litice road is very difficult because the terrain slopes down very abruptly and is partly concealed by thickets. It is therefore possible that the description which follows is incomplete. This entire target is enclosed by a lattice-work enclosure about 2.5 meters high. The emplacement is accessible by the Plzen-Litice road [redacted]. A guard post is located at the entrance to the emplacement [redacted] it consists of a one-story wooden hut, 4x4 meters. The informant saw no other buildings, but observed the following weapons and equipment:

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2 AA guns [redacted] with muzzle brake, installed on a concrete base and camouflaged with netting.

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2 AA guns without muzzle brake, with long barrel, caliber estimated at about 100 millimeters [redacted] concrete emplacement.

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4 quadruple-mounted machine guns of the German Vierling type [redacted] located at the center of the emplacement.

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A radar installation with a metal, wbe-shaped base, 3x3x2 meters; its antenna [screen?] is 5 meters in diameter; the informant never saw it turn.

3 AA searchlights [redacted] their location is only approximate, because the informant observed them at night.

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An underground ammunition dump which services this emplacement

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## 2. Plzen-Radcice Emplacement

Two AA battery emplacements, east and north of Radcice.

Eastern emplacement:

consists of 5 guns with muzzle brake at the edge of the forest and 2 German 88's in traveling position, coupled to V35 or Tatra III trucks.

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Northern emplacement:

1 German 88

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in firing position and 2 German 88's in traveling position, coupled to V35 on Tatra III trucks; equipment neither camouflaged or covered with tarpaulin.

## 3. Probable Emplacement at Plzen-Bory

This emplacement must be located near the south-southwestern side of the Bory area, partly in the so-called Borsky Lesik forest, between the Dobrany and Bory airfields. The informant heard the sound of gun shots coming from this area fired in conjunction with the Litice battery. The informant also observed AA searchlights located in this area and coordinating their beams with those emanating from the searchlights of the Litice battery. He also saw men quartered in tents in the forest, about 100 meters west of the Plzen-Dobrany road.

## AA Barracks

### 1. Na Slovanech Barracks

There were six 88-mm AA guns in traveling position, parked in the courtyard of the barracks. The men were AA shoulder straps.

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### 2. New AA Barracks at Vochov

Set up in a former metallurgical plant in Vochov, between the railroad and the Plzen-Stribo national highway, 400 meters northwest of the

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Vochoz railroad station

The village of

Vochoz is located about 2.5 kilometers southwest of Radcice, where two AA battery emplacements are reported to be located. The plant was requisitioned by the army in fall 1953 and converted to barracks during the following year. The work having been completed in fall 1954, the plant was occupied by an AA battery 70 to 80 men strong. In October 1955, this AA unit had more than 200 men under the command of a major.

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